

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTENTION: T. J. J. Purdie

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Martin Luther KING, Jr.

20 NOV 1964

1. Reference is made to a communication from your Bureau dated 20 August 1964 regarding proposed travel to Western Europe of Martin Luther KING, Jr. Reference noted that Subject planned to visit Rome, Italy, on 18 and 19 September 1964.

2. This Agency has received the following information on Subject from a source who is considered reliable. Dr. Martin Luther KING met with various leaders of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) on 18 September 1964 in Rome. He discussed with these Italian politicians the progress of demonstrations against segregation in the United States which are to be organized in Italy during the months immediately ahead. Dr. KING reportedly conferred with PCI Senator VALDO SPATA and Rep. RAVASIAGLI, with PSI Senator PAOLO SARTORI, and with Deputy Leader UMBERTO of the Italian Socialist Party.

3. This Agency is unable to evaluate the above report.

b. The information in paragraph two has been made available to your Bureau's representative in Rome.

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